Christopher Paul Steiner

Economist ▪ Policy Researcher ▪ Applied Microeconomist
3711 27th St.; Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732
(618) 363-4082 ▪ cpsteinerecon@gmail.com ▪ www.cpsteiner.com

Applied microeconomist with extensive federal government experience devoted to large-scale data analysis. Translates complex findings into policy insights. Drafter of both technical reports and public-facing analyses.

Experience:

Economist, Surface Transportation Board; Washington, D.C. [May 2022-present]

- Produced policy-relevant visualizations and written summaries for leadership.
- Developed reproducible Python workflows with Kedro and Git, improving tractability.
- Conducted applied econometric policy analyses for the Canadian Pacific-Kansas City Southern rail merger.
- Modernized STB's spreadsheet ingestion process, improving public website usability, in collaboration with the Section of Data Analytics.

Economist, Bureau of Economic Analysis; Suitland, MD [June 2016-May 2022]

- Assessed and reconfigured the process for the rapid production of the International Transactions Press Release; served as the media technical contact.
- Led the multi-year econometric analysis and 130+ page internal report for the revision of the private, personal transfers account (part of international remittances), responding to a Government Accountability Office report (GAO-16-60).
- Forged data analysis on very large, complex data, including the public microdata for the American Community Survey (ACS) and Census Population Survey (CPS).
- For public-facing news releases and *Survey of Current Business* articles—produced narrative and visualizations on international transactions and multinational enterprises (MNEs) in collaboration with the Communications Division.

Economist Detailee, Office of Management and Budget; Washington, D.C. [July 2021-Feb. 2022]

- Led drafting of portions of the public-facing "Analytical Perspectives" section of the president's budget that detailed, graphically and through narrative, the impact of climate change on the Federal Budget (NFIP [co-lead] section and coastal disasters section [lead]).
- Developed explanatory graphics in R and Stata for policymakers and public release.

Education:

Ph.D. Economics (2015), C.Phil. Economics (2013), M.A. Economics (2009)
University of California, San Diego
Fields: Environmental Economics and Public Finance. Dissertation topics: Fisheries, education, air pollution

B.S.L.A.S. Mathematics and Economics (2008), *cum laude* and with High Distinction in Mathematics
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Written Work: (more available upon request)

- Contributions to White Paper "Climate Risk Exposure: An Assessment of the Federal Government's Financial Risks to Climate Change." 2022. (led section on coastal disasters; co-led NFIP section)
- with Shari A. Allen and Alexis N. Grimm. October 2018. "U.S. International Services: Trade in Services in 2017 and Services Supplied Through Affiliates in 2016." *Survey of Current Business*. Available here: https://apps.bea.gov/scb/issues/2018/10-october/1018-international-services.htm
- with Kassu W. Hossiso and Albert G. Ramon. 2017. "U.S. Direct Investment in the Middle East and North Africa." *Proceedings of the CYRUS Institute of Knowledge*. (Conference focused on Middle Eastern, Central Asian, and North African Economic Issues). Available here (click on proceedings link): https://cyrusik.org/conference/2017/program/

Awards: Cross-Cutting Group Award; Office of Management and Budget, 2022; International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade (IIFET) Honorable Mention Award for Second Best Student Paper, 2016 (for fisheries paper in dissertation, a collaboration with James Hilger)

Skills: *Software*: Python, Kedro, R, SAS, Stata, SQL, Microsoft Excel; *Additional skills*: Econometrics, economics, statistics, data analytics, data visualization, data storytelling, policy, cross-functional collaboration, regression, surveys.